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INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, CVIS, CH

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CONGEN AGRICULTURAL OFFICER TO PRC

REF: A) HONG KONG 2749 B) PEKING 1596 (1973)

1. USLO WELCOMES PROPOSED VISIT OF CONGEN AGRICULTURAL OFFICER CHAMPEAU PROPOSED REF A. ALTHOUGH PRC AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT ISSUED VISAS TO HONG KONG CONGEN PERSONNEL (INCLUDING REGIONAL TECHNICAL PERSONNEL) APPLYING FOR TRAVEL TO CHINA SINCE LAST FALL, WE ARE HOPEFUL THIS SITUATION WILL CHANGE AND THAT CHAMPEAU'S SECOND ATTEMPT TO VISIT PEKING WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. WE FULLY CONCUR IN THE PROPOSED TIMING OF CHAMPEAU'S VISIT, SO THAT IT WILL COINCIDE WITH THE SPRING CANTON FAIR.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS, WE ARE ALSO HOPEFUL THAT APPLICATIONS FOR TWO CONGEN COMMERCIAL/ECONOMIC OFFICERS TO ATTEND THE CANTON FAIR AS WORKING-LEVEL PERSONNEL WILL BE APPROVED BY THE PRC. IN THIS REGARD, WE THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT CHAMPEAU'S VISA APPLICATION BE PRESENTED TO THE CHINESE IN A WAY WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT NO CONFUSION EXISTS AS TO WHICH CONGEN OFFICERS WILL BE TRAVELLING TO CHINA SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF COVERING THE FAIR. WE SUGGEST THAT IN REQUESTING CHAMPEAU'S VISA THE DEPARTMENT PLACE PRINCIPAL EMPHASIS ON HIS DESIRE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN PEKING THOUGH IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT HE HOPES TO VISIT OTHER PRC CITIES AND WOULD

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LIKE TO STOP IN CANTON FOR A FEW DAYS TO OBSERVE THE FAIR. WE ALSO

SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT MENTION CHAMPEAU'S WISH TO CALL ON  
APPROPRIATE PRC OFFICIALS WHILE HE IS IN PEKING, AS USLO DID IN  
ITS NOTE TO MFA OF LAST DECEMBER (REFTEL B).  
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